

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

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SUBJECT: Reports of Significant Developments and Activities
Ending on June 22, 2007

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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities, training/conferences, and stakeholder feedback:

SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Removal Action Completion, Morrow Plating Co. Site, Toledo, Ohio

On June 8, 2007, the removal activities at the Morrow Plating Co. site in Toledo, Ohio, were completed with a final walk-through with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) and the City of Toledo. The site, which also included a second plating company, contained approximately 114 tanks, over 200 small containers, and approximately 300 drums. The removal action consisted of removing all hazardous wastes liquids and solids, including plating sludge, floor sweepings, and debris that was contaminated. The removal action was performed to minimize the substantial threat posed by the chemicals in the plating shops to the residential community that surrounds the site.

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Expedited Settlement Agreement Filed, Gordon Food Service - Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan

On June 14, 2007, the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section (CEPPS) filed an Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) with Gordon Food Service - Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Gordon Food Service - Grand Rapids is a general line grocery distributor. In the ESA, the United States

Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) alleges that Gordon Food Service - Grand Rapids violated areas of implementation of the Risk Management Program, 40 CFR Part 68. Some of the violations include failing to maintain documentation on the alternative release scenario, failing to maintain documentation on the design basis for the relief system design, failing to certify annually that operating procedures are current and accurate, failing to document an appropriate response to each of the findings in the Compliance Audit conducted at the facility, and failing to develop a written plan of action regarding the implementing of employee participation. Gordon Food Service - Grand Rapids accepted the ESA, certified that they resolved all violations, and paid a \$1,170.00 penalty to the U.S. Treasury.

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Expedited Settlement Agreement Filed, Sysco Food Service of Grand Rapids, LLC, Grand Rapids, Michigan

On June 14, 2007, the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section (CEPPS) filed an Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) with Sysco Food Service of Grand Rapids, LLC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Sysco Food Service of Grand Rapids, LLC is a general line grocery wholesaler. In the ESA, U.S. EPA alleges that with Sysco Food Service of Grand Rapids, LLC violated areas of implementation of the Risk Management Program, 40 CFR Part 68. Some of the violations include failing to address finding and recommendations made in the Process Hazard Analysis conducted at the facility, failing to maintain temporary operating procedures, failing to investigate incidents, and failing to update emergency response procedures accordingly. Sysco Food Service of Grand Rapids, LLC accepted the ESA, certified that they resolved all violations, and paid a \$1,620.00 penalty to the U.S. Treasury.

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Inspection, Enterprise Terminal and Storage, Garden City, Minnesota

On June 14, 2007, Edward Bordy, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section, conducted an inspection at the Enterprise Terminal and Storage facility in Garden City, Minnesota. The purpose of the inspection was to review the facility's Risk Management Program for the storage of anhydrous ammonia.

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Inspection, City of Mankato Water Treatment Plant, Mankato, Minnesota

On June 15, 2007, Edward Bordy, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section, conducted an inspection at the City of Mankato Water Treatment Plant in Mankato, Minnesota. The purpose of the inspection was to review the facility's Risk Management Program for the storage and use of chlorine.

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TRAINING/CONFERENCES

National Site Assessment Symposium, Denver, Colorado

On June 20-21, 2007, the National Site Assessment Symposium was held in Denver, Colorado. Laura Ripley, Matt Mankowski, Milt Clark, and four of the six Region 5 States attended the symposium. The symposium took a look at site assessment, past, present, and future. Laura Ripley, Karl Reinbold (Ohio Environmental Protection Agency), Milt Clark, Bob Myers (U.S. EPA Headquarters-Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation), and Gwen Christiansen (Region 8) participated in a panel on removal and remedial coordination at both the Federal and the State level. Specific coordination examples included vapor intrusion, ground water plumes, residential soil, and mining sites. Joe Walzak (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) presented a site characterization approach relying on optimal use of sediment pore-water data to delineate contaminated ground water plumes discharging to surface water bodies to define both horizontal and vertical preferential flows. The symposium was well attended by U.S. EPA, States, Tribes, and contractors.

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STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

WWTO TV35 Trinity Broadcast Network's Program "Joy In Our Town" Interviews Remedial Project Manager, Ottawa Radiation Areas Superfund Site, Ottawa, Illinois

Denise Boone, Remedial Project Manager for the Ottawa Radiation

Site was interviewed by host, Emily Young concerning the current and future cleanups in Ottawa, Illinois. The program aired on June 8, 2006, in the Chicago area. Ms. Young sent a thank you note which expressed gratitude for providing useful information to their viewers and for clearly explaining U.S. EPA's cleanup plan.

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